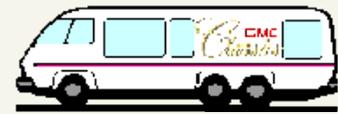


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Classics



Summer Rally

July 26-29, 2018
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 Bert and Charlotte Austin
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 and Wersal

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 Hosts:

Step up to the plate.
 See your name in
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Letter from our President



Burt Doucette

Morning Friends, we had a very nice rally at Coffee Creek RV Park in Santo, Texas. There were 53 attendees: 26 coaches and two cabins. Hosted by **James and Redonia Harper, Jerry and Francis Reeves, Boyd and Sherry Mooney, and Carol and Gayla Shelly.**

Alex and Lori Ferrara joined us on the way home to Florida from Tucson. He presented a mini Tech session on correcting steering problems and he personally worked on a number of coaches.

Some surprise attendees were **Marvin and Gay Guelker**, joining us for the first time in 4 years.

Also **Charles and Janice Wersal, Joyce and Willard Murdock, Chip and Laura Chebuhar, Dennis and Janie Johnson.**

Charlotte Wolf, an advanced collector, displayed her treasured, over the top collection of Opals, Jade and jewels. Her husband **Bert Austin** was a recipient of **Saint Alexes'** steering improvement on their coach.

Chuck Peck reported that he recently bought a second coach and many parts from Michael Bozart. He assisted a stranded GMC buyer from Michigan for 3 days. He is a great ambassador for our GMC lifestyle!

Richard Huggins and Darlene Hancock made their first Classics rally with her retro pull behind RV. He still has his dad's '78 Royale. Richard gave a presentation, at GMCMI Tucson, on rebuilding the plastic framework supporting the dashboard and has tentatively agreed to repeat it for us at Fredericksburg. His interest is stagecraft, where he breaks glass and explodes stuff for the movie industry.

Darlene Hancock and Delaine Brady were reunited at this rally after meeting at a Sisters on the Fly RV club rally that was also held at Coffee Creek earlier in the year.

We discovered that **Sydney Robinson, Reggie and Dot Phillips**, ALL attended the University of Southern Mississippi.

Another Ph.D lurking in our midst, **Lenore Langsdorff** is from New York. She has lived in Washington DC and Eastern Africa. Her field is Philosophy. She is also married to **Vern Crawford** who is very involved with solarizing their GMC.

We all had a great time. Our next rally will be in Fredericksburg, Texas in July. The theme is to be "**A Salute to the Troops**". It will be hosted by **Craig and Cindy Bennett and Bert and Charlotte Austin.**

All this points out what a wonderful, bright star group of personalities and graceful machines that attend these rallies. I am honored to be associated with the GMC Classics. This is going to be an exciting year!

Your President, Burt

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WASHERS

- 1st **Georgene Farrill/Bob Monk**
 2nd **Patsy Monk/Boyd Mooney**
 3rd **Jerry Reeves/Frank Jacob**

CHICKENFOOT

- 1st **Patsy Monk**
 2nd **Lori Ferrara**
 3rd **Sharon Jacob**
 Boobie **Sherry Mooney**

LCR

- \$168 **Delaine Brady**

BINGO

- \$50 **Patsy Monk**
 \$50 **Lynn DeGroot**
 \$50 **Sharon Jacob**
 \$50 **Francis Reeves**
 \$50 **Billy Massey**
 \$160 2 people shared the money:
Reggie Phillips & Judy Doucette



Ladies Luncheon

23 ladies enjoyed a meal of multiple salads that the hosts made. The meal was followed with a wild game of opening a seran wrap ball to find prizes. Unfortunately it was HARD because you had to wear garden gloves. OH MY!!! It was a blast! Thanks ladies!



Wilma Harris

Van Buren, Arkansas
 '73 Painted Desert 23 ft.

Alan and Janice Thomas

Farmington, Arkansas
 '75 Eleganza II



Stanley Chickenfoot by *Georgene Farrill*

First of all, let me tell you I have been having a great time, just relaxing and kicking back! Now I know what a vacation is! I sure did miss all the fun. However, I have to tell you about my "friend" who told me she would "pluck my feathers" if I ever stayed away so long again! *Can you imagine?*



Now, back to business. The Santo Rally was about the people and weird, unusual happenings in the games. We also had a milestone birthday party, Number ?? for one member. Of course I have missed a couple of rallies, so I am the one who has not seen a few people for awhile but, let me tell you, there were people I did not know but had heard their name before. It was great! We all had a good time. Our hosts went 110% on activities to keep us busy. I am pretty sure that I mentioned in the Chatter for the last Santo rally that there is nothing in the area to go see or get involved in and that's OK with most of us. It is a nice place and big enough that no one bothers you. There are good caterers nearby, plus all of us attending the rally. What more can a person ask for? Two cars of ladies made the obligatory trip to Wal-Mart about 18 miles away. Now we are stocked and ready to party!

I thought at first we had a rock star present. When in earshot of the men you would hear, "I LOVE THAT GUY, He's the best, WOW. He's good. He never stops. So glad he is here." Can you imagine GMC men talking this way? I have to find out more! WHO, WHO, WHO. Well it was **ALEX FERRARA**. Everyone knows who I am talking about. He makes your coach run down the road straight. He's a big asset to the GMC community. His wife **Lori** is also a winner as far as the women were concerned! I know everyone enjoyed meeting and spending time with them and you know some of us may never get to Florida! This was one of their first extended trips and they were enjoying the freedom of the road.

A big surprise and treat were **Gay and Marvin Guelker**. They are long time members, when **Bruce (Farrill)** and I joined in 2004; they were already in the club and very active members. They are always most welcoming to newcomers. They both have had some illness, mostly **Marvin**, and have not been able to attend rallies. They live a little over 100 miles from Santo, so they rented a cabin and spent a few days with us. It was great. **Marvin** had just finished his 62nd Chemo treatment. You can tell by that number this has been a long road they have been on. I know we all enjoyed their visit. It was fun for us and brought back good times for them. Their niece, **Delaine Brady** and her husband, **Wayne**, bought the **Guelker's** 23 ft coach and were also at the rally.

Another person I had never met was **Charlotte Austin** and her husband **Bert**. During swap meet for the men, the ladies usually show and have a few items for sale. **Charlotte** has a portable "Little Boutique" with so much to offer: purses, clutches, jewelry, watches, scarves, and needle point that can be framed. Most all is more formal, wrong word I know, but exquisite. **Judy Doucette** had a large selection of jewelry set at different price points to sell. The jewelry wearers loved their tables. Then we have **Gayla Shelly** and her niece **Pat Monk** with their table of "couture textiles" from pot holders to purses. These can even be special ordered with whatever initials or name you want. It doesn't have to say GMC. They also just make unusual little items like small draw string bag etc. These two ladies love to sew and do hand work. You have to be high, high energy to keep up with all these ladies. All these tables were a real treat to shop and enjoy. Everyone knows I am a looker, not a buyer, but hey, I am a chicken. It is nice to have the ladies share their wares with us and I know so many usually find that one item they have needed or maybe just wanted.

New members **Chuck and Rhonda Peck** from Manchaca (man-shack), Texas were also at the rally. I think this was their 2nd rally to attend. I sat at a table with them one night and really enjoyed the interaction. They are younger than some of us, but not kids. They are very excited about their coach but know the work ahead of them. Like he said, it will take awhile because they are still working. They love the rallies, the people, and the knowledge from the Tech sessions and the other men. It's what we are about! Every new owner needs to join a club. I also enjoyed meeting **Lynn DeGroot** and her husband **Bud**. They are from Liberty, Texas and have been to a couple of rallies, I just wanted to mention them because I had not met them before. I have the power of the pen, so I can tell this story. She won (weird word for this honor); she LOST in Chickenfoot so she won Charlie the dancing chicken. Somehow she did not take him home with her. It could have been an honest mistake! We told her she had to take Charlie to her coach and bond with him for 24 hours. What a Good Sport. She did it and they bonded so well. A couple of other people that were there were **Charles and Janice Wersel**. We are always thankful when they can make it. They too have had health issues but they came with their coach and scooter. **Joyce and Willard Murdock** made it down to spend a day with us. So nice to see them! We now have 2 full tables of cards. **Reg Phillips** was there but we saw very little of him. Now this is not like **Reggie** to stay in his coach, **Dot Phillips** was hitting the card table and told us that **Reggie** had fell at work but not told anyone. After getting home, he went to the doctor. He has about 3 ribs broken and maybe more, I have not have gotten the whole story and he might not even want me to tell. Sorry **Reg**. Get well!

The hosts: **Redonia Harper (James)**, **Gayla Shelly (Carroll)**, **Francis Reeves (Jerry)**, and **Sherry Mooney (Boyd)** had the rally room decorated in pastel colors and flowers. It was so pretty and spring looking, which was nice since winter would just not go away this year. Those pastel table covers and flowers were the only

spring I saw in 2018. It when to summer and arrived with a vengeance, Oh geez, I digress... back to the rally. **Redonia** had us lined up for the neatest craft. You took a favorite picture, covered it with tape, soaked it in water, which made it transparent, and then you attached it to a glass or bottle. You could then paint the inside of the glass bottle. She had made these with old rally pictures and they were the centerpieces of the tables. These were nice conversation pieces at the tables and people were looking everywhere for a picture of their coach.

Game winners are listed elsewhere in the Chapter. We started with Chickenfoot on Thursday night. We had 4 tables of 6 people each. Again it was a fast, energetic game to get us all loosened up and relaxed for what is coming during the rally. Our washer game was unusual this time. It was not that hot and we had a nice shady place, but we only had a few entries. Hope people are not getting burned out on the game, but if you remember we left horseshoes because they are HEAVY and chose the skill of washers. We are very fluid and could change again! If anyone has any thoughts on this, speak up. For those that love washers, we can always have a board set up and just join in, like the ladies with cards. It's not about winners and losers; it is about the thrill of the game. But let me tell you about the washer play of all time! First though, I have to mention that **Georgene Farrill** threw 2 ringers. One right on top of the other. AMAZING. You know something is going on. OK, now, visualize this if possible. **Bob Monk** threw and it went a little left, hit the dirt, and popped up on the board on the rim, AND rolled toward the hole (holding breath) and then it circled the hole a full turn AND FELL IN. As it was circling the hole, not a word was said, dead quite, when it fell in, everyone breathed out. A couple of guys, I think it was **Boyd Mooney** and **Frank Jacob** ran to the hole and looked in! One of those times you see something that is just flat hard to believe!

Redonia came up with a fun game. She took earrings, little crosses, jeweled pins, necklace, small neat little gifts, a lot of them. She then wrapped them in Peel & Stick paper (saran wrap) and made it into a big ball with these gifts stuck to the paper throughout. The ball was at least 10 or 12 in. in diameter. Then we sit in chairs in a semi-circle and the "IT" person puts on garden gloves, you heard right, gloves. She starts trying to unwrap the ball and if she gets anything unwrapped she gets to keep it. In the mean time, the next person is rolling dice as fast as she can. If she rolls a double, she gets the ball of treasures and the gloves!! This was so much fun, but was so infuriating. Watching someone else, you think, "just do it", but when you get those gloves on "you can't do it." Lots of laughter was heard and some of the ladies received some nice gifts.

Onward to baseball where there is a lot of participation in the game. The Team Captains were **Scott Nutter** against his sidekick, **Sydney Robinson**. Well you know, the banter across the aisle was HORRIFIC, hehehe. I was on **Sydney's** team, and even though we may have lost the score game, we scored points in mouthing; A win is a win, no matter. For some reason in this

game, the best I remember is **Carroll Shelly** did a little dance while getting up to bat. Another vivid picture in my mind was **Lenore Langsdorf**, you know.... her and her husband, **Vern Crawford**, play Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Clause during Christmas time. He is real out going and she is quiet and more laid back, I don't know her very well, but I was impressed when she came up to bat. You know in baseball you THROW to bat. I am guessing **Lenore** probably played some real baseball at some point in her life. To me, she has the form of a real pitcher. She did not change up when she came to bat AND, sure enough, TADA....HOME RUN! Next rally I have to talk to her!

I had heard they played Bunco at the last rally and most all of the ladies loved it. It was a fun game so we played it again at this rally. **Delaine Brady** lead 6 tables and I know it took at least the first 3 table changes before everyone really caught on to what was happening. Of course we loved it and wanted more but it's time to get ready to eat. I will say there are 6 ladies sporting some Blinged-out baseball caps that were prizes. The ladies were: **Redonia Harper**, **Sherry Mooney**, **Pat Monk**, **Lori Ferrara**, **Joyce Murdock**, and **Sharon Jacob**.

Pot luck as always was a winner for Thursday night and **Sherry Mooney** did an excellent job of finding caterers for the rest of the rally. **Sherry** lives in Weatherford, the closest place to Santo, so she knew where the good food was. One of the places was Bakers Pig BBQ place, but they are also known for their fried pies, go figure. As usual we were stuffed and had food for later. We also had Pulido's Mexican food, a Texas favorite and mainstay. We are treated royally.

WOW for Bingo. Man we had some pots, there were no five dollar pots that had to be shared!!! **Dennis** and **Janie Johnson** were at the rally and talked **Chip** and **Laura Chebuhar** into coming. It's been a long time since we have seen **Chip** and **Laura**! They are always a fun foursome so **Scott** and **Sydney** talked **Dennis** and **Chip** into calling for Bingo. Sometimes it was like Laurel and Hardy! Hilarious! Of that team, I really never knew which was which, sad, but.... **Dennis** is the straight one. The look on his face when **Chip** is just being **Chip** is so funny. We had 8 happy people when it was over. We sure had some happy people after this game.

Like I said, the hosts had activities lined up for us, but we never felt like we were rushed for time. The whole rally was very relaxing and fun. We had a big game of LCR on Saturday night. We tore down tables and decorations to set up for the game and therefore we were one step ahead for Sunday morn service and our good-byes. I think there were 44 or 47 people playing. BIG game. We had tables all over that room lined up with people ready to go. The game starts slow, picks up the pace and then finally runs off and leaves everyone except maybe 2 or 3 people. I said earlier I would have more to say about **Gay Guelker's** niece, **Delaine Brady** and husband **Wayne**. It was back and forth between these 2 for a good 5 or 6 minutes and then

Delaine had to give **Janie Johnson** a dollar...., uh oh, somebody could get knocked out of the running. **Janie** was so excited and this made **Laura Chebuhar** perk up because she was sitting next to **Janie** and hoping the dollar would get passed to her. It was not to be, **Janie** threw a C so now it is just **Delaine** and her husband **Wayne** again ... all in the family but hey....you want it YOURSELF. After a few more minutes, **Delaine** was the only survivor. Now everyone is exhausted and ready for bed.

The hostesses pulled off the surprise of the year and that was very hard. You have probably heard **Francis Reeves** had a big birthday so she needed a big celebration. **Francis** has a hard time letting people do anything for her. She likes to do for others, but she had told **Redonia** in the past that while growing up she never had a birthday party. Now they know they cannot let **Jerry** know about this party because he would not be able to keep the secret, probably just by accident he would let it slip. Now this means **Sherry Mooney** and **Gayla Shelly** cannot let their husbands **Carroll** or **Boyd** know either. They talk to **Jerry** and again, an accident would probably happen and it would be told. **Redonia** sent **Janie Johnson** and **Laura Chebuhar** over to **Francis's** coach to keep her busy so everyone could be ready. They get to her coach with drinks in hand for the social hour and just kept hanging around talking, **Janie** wanted to see her old coach, etc. (Wink wink) **Francis** says later, "I was thinking it's time for dinner and we need to go. **Redonia** knew some of us could not have kept **Francis** there and knew she would be polite and not rush them. When **Francis** walked in the door and she realized what was happening, she nearly fainted, swore a little, reached over and hit **Jerry** on the arm, and then the tears began. She was overwhelmed. It was a wonderful birthday. Lot of tears and hugs. Her cake looked like a slot machine, with gold coins rolling out. "Life is good".

Sunday morn we had fresh coffee and left over donuts, muffins, toasted bread, jelly and juice to leave on. **Craig Bennett** is very good and really has a calling for sharing the Word. We all said, "goodbye and so long until we meet again".

Your Rally Reporter
Stanley Chickenfoot



Grilled Crescent Dogs

Hot dogs

Crescent rolls divide/place triangle around each hot dog

Cheese—slit each hot dog and fill with cheese

Place crescent dogs on double thickness of heavy duty foil sprayed with cooking spray, about 2 inches apart. Place foil on grill over indirect heat; cover with foil. Cook 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Billie's Special Recipe



Dear GMC Family,

Several people have approached Mike & me about my "Recipe" I've used since 1971. It has successfully kept my 16 motorhomes smelling fresh and sanitized before meeting Mike, and now 5 more GMCs since we got married 4 1/2 years ago.

I know a lot of the guys prefer using ice cubes, but that process doesn't kill germs or leave a fresh clean smell. We have literally given away "dozens" of Recipe jugs in the past. Now you can make your own and some to share.

I like to use a heavy plastic gallon container (like an empty Cheer Laundry Detergent jug, or something similar). Fill container about 3/4 full with water - I don't measure. Add a "good squeeze" of liquid Dawn Detergent - any color- it's a good grease cutter. Then add 3/4 and 1 cup of LEMON LYSOL; it has a fresh clean smell, and kills germs. Taa daa, that's it. (Just be sure you mark your jug "The Recipe" so it doesn't get used for your laundry!)

Now here's what's important (in my humble opinion) as Ken Henderson says....

So now you've dumped. Great! Now you're ready for the next process....

With the sewer hose still in the dump receptacle outside, step on the toilet pedal and let water run through the toilet for maybe 10 seconds. This helps rinse the sewer line. Next, pour "half" of the "Recipe" down the toilet. (You'll probably want to shake the container first, as some settling may have occurred). Then step on the toilet pedal again for about 10 seconds. This will make your sewer hose disinfected and rinsed clean. Now you can close the plunger or turn off the macerator switch.

Note: If you're staying hooked up at a campground or facility for several days, you may want to "dump and rinse", and just put in about 1/4 of the recipe to keep things fresh while you're parked.

BUT.....when you're ready to break camp, there's **one more step**.....

Follow dumping procedures as advised above, with one addition. After final dump, rinse, Recipe and rinse, close the valve. Your hose is ready to be stowed away all fresh and clean.

Finally, I drop one of those RV Toilet Treatment Drop-In packets into the toilet; pour in the 2nd half of "The Recipe" and a little more. This will slosh around while you're driving down the road and sanitize your holding tank. NEVER EVER HAVE AN EMPTY, DRY HOLDING TANK!

BTW.... I don't like the blue liquid treatments, as they stain your fingers. And I don't like the powder, as it can go up your nose when you pour it in. Yep, been there, done that, don't want to do it again.

Hope you enjoyed Recipe Class 101. May you have MANY stress free, odor free trips with your friends and family! See ya down the road.

 Hugs,
Billie Kelley



Wine Cake

- 1 White cake mix
- 1 cup oil
- 4 eggs
- 2 small pkg of black cherry jello
- 1 cup Wine Blackberry or a merlot...Cheap is ok (I use Winking Owl Merlot from Aldi)
- Optional: crushed pecans to suit yourself

Grease and flower a bundt pan, sprinkle crushed nuts in the bottom of the pan I also mix some nuts in the batter itself.

Mix all ingredients together, pour into pan, and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to an hour until toothpick comes out clean or cake pulls away from the sides of the pan.

When cook, mix some of the wine with powdered sugar and drizzle over the cake.

Enjoy,
Penny Johnston

Peanut Butter Cookies

- 1 large egg
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup sugar

Yields about 2 dozen small cookies

Beat egg in a medium bowl. Add peanut butter and sugar and stir until incorporated and smooth. Drop mounds of dough by the tablespoonful onto prepared baking sheets, spacing about 2" apart. Lightly press tops of cookies with tines of a fork, making a crosshatch pattern.

Bake cookies at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown.

Helpful Ideas



Maglite storage using a fishing rod holder.



Towel rod for storage on counter.



Section of a swim floatie to keep refrigerator open when not in use to help prevent mold.



Spring loaded curtain rods to keep items in place during travel.

Tech Session

Reported by Billy Massey

As usual, we discussed some items and concerns that members had but to tell you the truth, I've forgotten what they were. They were over shadowed in my memory by the participation of a well known rising star in the GMC community. We had the honor to have **Alex Ferrara**, from Palm Coast, Florida, present at this rally. He is better known as the "guru of getting a GMC to drive straight with two fingers". Many, if not most, GMCs have been worked on by folks who do not understand the intricacies of the steering gear boxes and the importance of "clocking" it and all the parts that make up the upper steering components. He demonstrated for us the correct way to align all these parts correctly and to be sure to have the gear on top dead center when driving in a straight line. He then proceeded to actually check several coaches and help to correct them where needed. This was all very interesting and the folks whose coaches got fixed were ecstatic! Thanks Alex!









Please take the time to share with me any articles of interest and/or things regarding your experience with your GMC so I can add them to the newsletter. I know there are lots of interesting/ funny/ exciting things that have happened, at some time or another. People would enjoy reading about your experiences in our Chatter. It does not have to be just about your GMC. It could be about your travels, a neat place to go, things you saw, fun, camping, shopping, etc. Give it to me at a rally or email it to: debbie@bdub.net

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