

GMC Classics Chatter ~ Summer 2019

Athens, Texas Rally ~ July 18 to 21, 2019



Letter from our President

RALLY TIME

Fall Rally
October 31 -
November 3, 2019
Oakdale RV Park

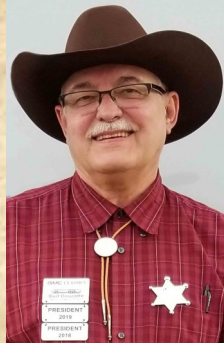
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254-897-2321
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Winter Rally
January 30 -
February 3, 2020
Antler Oaks Lodge

Bandera, Texas
830-796-8111

Spring Rally
April 30 -
May 3, 2020
Longhorn
RV Resort

Niederwald, Texas
512-398-3677



Burt Doucette
President

Athens Rally

Well,well,well. The little "No Host Rally" with the smallest attendance in 7 years.

Not even the COFFEE POTS showed up!

Redonia Harper had to quickly scrap together enough food and games to satisfy all. Francis Reeves, her faithful companion kicked it into high gear and they got it done.

It was Sydney Robinson Nutter's birthday, and I wouldn't have missed it for the moon.

The "**RED HOT HEAT**" was furious.

Larry Turner pulled into camp saying, "all 3 of my air conditioners were on and it's still **TOO HOT!**"

A club record was set that nearly half of the members came in alternate kinds of transportation. Some of our coaches would **NOT START**, and some just **STOPPED** running!



Some Classics got a room or cabin, some had to bunk in with others. Still, they came because they wanted to be there.

Our newest coach owners, Bob and Nancy O'Farrell attended and brought their beautiful granddaughter, Ashulynn, who had a ball with all these adoring grandparents.

The clubhouse and pier were perfect for our group. The one and only, Judy Doucette, hosted the Ladies Luncheon.

First timers Billy and

Mary Young from Livingston had a good time. Donald Rogers from Durant, Oklahoma said he missed us last January at Durant and had to come. Also a surprise visit from Past President Bob and Janice McKnight from Nacogdoches.

Another club record was set with a rare second game of LCR. When Sydney won the pot, Scott jumped up, **stripped his shirt off**, and ran around in a circle, like a soccer player who just scored a goal! Games and fellowship filled the remainder of the schedule.

Burt Doucette
President 2018 & 2019

Howdy! **I'M BACK!** I'm "**Stanley Chickenfoot,**" and I'm "**Crowing**" about all my **GMC Friends!**



WOW! It got **SOOO HOT** I make this **cool palm fan!**

WEBSITE: WWW.GMCCLASSICS.COM
FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/groups/gmcclassicsclub/

The Classics Chatter is published quarterly for the membership of the GMC Classics. The club is a chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association and primarily draws its membership from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

The purpose of GMC Classics is to promote the preservation of GMC Motorhomes and to bring its owners together for their exclusive enjoyment, sharing of knowledge, ideas, and common interests.



This Event Started as a "No-Host Rally"
Until these Ladies took on the Last Minute Hosting Challenge!

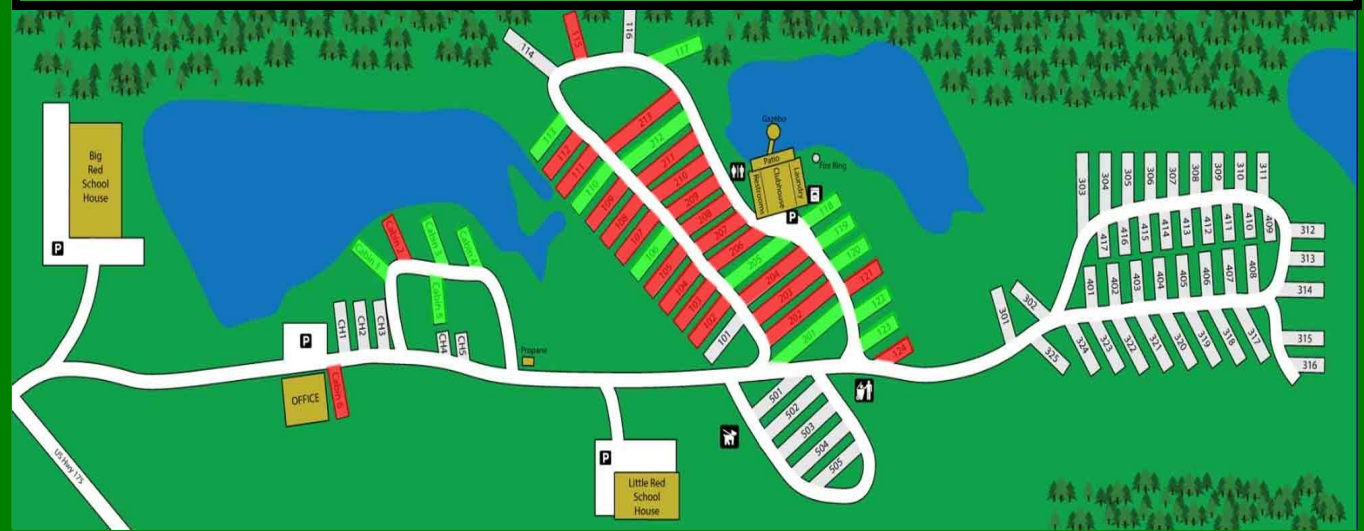


Redonia Harper



Frances Reeves

Texan RV Park & Campus Map





903-677-3326

You are responsible for making and paying for your reservations!

July 18-21, 2019

NO HOSTS: PLEASE HELP WHERE YOU CAN!

****Kudos to Redonia Harper and Francis Reeves for stepping up and planning meals and other items.**

If you want to have a rally SOMEBODY has to do it!!

Thur. 18th	All day check in and registration	
PM		BRING OWN DRINKS TO ALL MEALS
	3:00 - 4:00	Executive Board Meeting
	5:00 - 6:00	Social Hour
	6:00 - 7:00	McAlisters, assorted sandwiches, chips, pickles and cookies (Paid for by the Club)
	7:00 - 'til	Chickenfoot
Fri. 19th	7:00 - 9:00	Continental Breakfast
	9:00 - 10:00	Swap Meet/Flea Market/Book Exchange/Craft Sales
	11:00 - 1:00	Classy Ladies Luncheon - IF SOMEONE WILL VOLUNTEER TO PLAN ONE
PM	1:15 - 2:30	Craft - IF SOMEONE WILL PLAN ONE
	5:00 - 6:00	Social Hour
	6:00 - 7:00	Dinner - Chicken Fried Steak or chicken fried chicken with gravy, green beans, garlic mashed potatoes, regular salad, rolls. \$15.50 each (Bring your own drinks)
	7:00 - 'til	Bingo
Sat. 20th	7:00 - 9:00	Continental Breakfast
	9:00 - 10:15	Tech Session
	10:30 - 11:45	Scavenger Hunt
PM	5:00 - 6:00	Social Time
	6:00 - 7:00	Dinner - BBQ, Brisket, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, slaw \$14.50 each (Bring your own drinks)
	7:30 - 'til	LCR Game - each person brings 4 \$1.00 bills
Sun. 5th	7:30 - 8:30	Continental Breakfast

See ya'll next time!



McAlister's, assorted sandwiches, with chips & pickles!



Redonia Harper presents the meal!



Janice McKnight & Gayla Shelly dive in!



Linda Turner & Francs & Jerry Reeves enjoy!



Carroll Shelly holds everyone's attention!



Thursday ~ Food & Fun



And we had Cookies!



Scott Nutter, Bob McKnight, Janie Johnston, Sherry Mooney, & Janice McKnight listen.



Scott Nutter, Penny Johnston, & Redonia Harper Rest & Visit



Billy & Mary Young, & Judy Doucette



Looks like a well-fed group of Classics!



Friday Dinner & Fun

Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Fried Chicken with gravy, green beans, garlic mashed potatoes, regular salad, rolls!



Oh! No!
Not the
Chicken!!!



Redonia Harper & Frances Reeves quickly put another meal together for the Rally!



President Burt Doucette delivers announcements.



Sydney Nutter serves a plate of food for dinner with a Big, Beautiful Smile!



Mary & Billy Young & Sydney Nutter line up while Redonia Harper serves!



Linda Turner, Larry Turner, Judy Doucette, & Mary Young Serve themselves.



Dinner

**BBQ, Brisket, Sausage, Beans,
Potato Salad, slaw**



**John Strauss, Frances Reeves, Larry Turner,
Linda Turner, & Sherry Mooney line up!**



**Hi, I'm Stanley! I'm so glad
you saved this chair for me?**



**No one has much to say when they
have a plate full of delicious food!**



**Now that Dinner is finished, we can hardly
wait to get over to the dessert table!!!**



Dessert

Our delicious meal ended with cake and ice cream, topped with chocolate syrup!



Sydney provides instructions.



Luscious Cake!



Penny Johnston & Linda Turner put ice cream & chocolate syrup to top of the cake.



Penny Johnston, Scott & Sydney Nutter, & Sandra Resch watch Ashulynn eat ice cream!

GAMES LCR



Robert O' Farrell, James & Penny Johnston, & Sydney & Scott Nutter roll the dies & hope to be the winner!



Sherry Mooney, Gayla & Carrol Shelly, & Linda Turner hold their dollar bills tightly as they roll the LCR Dies.



Nancy & Bob O'Farrell cross their fingers and hope to win the pot of dollars.



Sydney & Scott Nutter watch and wait for their turn to roll the Dies.



Sandra Resch, Frances Reeves, John Strauss, Jim Jackson, & Redonia Harper watch & enjoy playing LCR.



Congratulations Sydney, YOU are the Winner!

WELCOME VISITOR!



We were privileged to have Ashulynn, shown above, as our visitor at the Athens Rally. She is the granddaughter of Bob-&-Nancy-O'-Farrell! She fit right in with our GMC Classics!



Welcome Ashulynn! We sure hope you come back to see us at our next Rally!

I'm "**Stanley Chickenfoot**," and I'll be there to greet you myself!



Chuck Peck wants to acquire authentic GMC Motor Home **memorabilia**, especially the kind agencies used in the 1970's to market Classic GMC Motor Homes. If you have something of this kind, **Contact Chuck at:** cadillac.chuck75@gmail.com

If you have things you want to **BUY, SELL, TRADE, GIVE**, We will list them in the Chatter. Contact me and send a photo, price, and description, then send it to my email address:

DrWolfAustin@Gmail.com

In the subject line, please put: "**Classics Buy, Sell, Trade, Give**"

This is the song we sing before heading home after each GMC Classics Rally!



GMC COACHES

These are some of the
super GMC Coaches
I've seen!
I sure hope to buy one
for myself some day!
I might just call it the
"Chicken Coach."



Three Coaches in a row: Bert & Charlotte Austin's, John & Jody Strauss's, & Chuck & Rhonda Peck's



Boyd & Sherry Mooney's Coach



Tom & Anneke Henderson's Coach



Scott & Sydney Nutter's Coach



Richard & Jay Hodge's Coach



Jim & Sheri Jackson's Coach



Chuck & Rhonda Peck's Coach



Burt & Judy Doucette's Coach



Thomas & Patricia (Schenk) Jetzer's Coach

In Remembrance of

Ann Walker



Ann Walker

Ann Walker, of Uvalde passed away on July 19, 2019 in Amistad Nursing Home at the age of 79. She was born on October 31, 1939 in Plainview, TX to Pearl (Dillard) and Frank Elbert Sinclair. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Tommy Walker; and son, Randy Walker and wife, Dawn, all of Uvalde; two granddaughters, Bailey Tamplen and husband, Tyler; and Courtney Walker; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Frank Sinclair and Bill Sinclair. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary with burial following in Hillcrest Cemetery. Rev. Steve Peyton will officiate. Pallbearers will be Lewis Walker, Bruce Gilleland, Weldon Gilleland, Corey Molloy, Roger Horgan, and Neal Burnett.

<http://uvaldeleadernews.com/obituaries/ann-walker/>

Video:

<https://www.rekfunerals.com/notices/Ann-Walker>



Ann Walker with her usual big smile!

Ann and Tommy Walker served as GMC Classics Hosts for the following Rally.

2004– Fall Rally on Oct. 28 to 30 at Quail Springs RV Park, Uvalde, TX.

right with some friends who attended the fall 2004 Rally.



Ann is shown here, in costume, with Tommy at the 2004 Fall Rally



Ann is sitting with friends who attended the Fall 2004 Rally.



Tommy & Ann at an event at Texas A & M University



Tommy & Ann on their 60th Anniversary

In Remembrance of

Marvin Guelker



Marvin Guelker

March 5, 1930 ~ August 27, 2019 (age 89)

Marvin Guelker, born March 5, 1930 to Charlie Herman Guelker and Willie Duna (Justiss) Guelker in Busby, Fisher County, Texas, died from a vehicle accident Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Funeral Services will be held at Zion Lutheran Church at 1:00 PM Friday, August 30th, 2019.

Marvin graduated from Newman High School in 1949, was in the National Guard, joined the Air Force and received an honorable discharge in 1953.

Marvin married Gay Jones and together their family grew to a son, Marvin Jr. and Debora Gay Guelker, who is deceased due to a vehicle accident in 1976.



Marvin and Gay enjoyed the 1986 Texas Wagon Train with their Morgan horse across Texas. They bought a 23 ft. GMC classic motor home, joined R.V. groups, travelled the 48 states and Canada, while enjoying life and researching family history.

Marvin had a passion for building, built five homes, and volunteered help building Zion Lutheran Church of which they are dedicated members.

They are members of the JOY group and camping with the group at Hoards Creek Park.

Marvin was a walking Letter Carrier for the Postal Service and a Union member for 60 years.

Marvin and Gay both have had the need to slow down due to health problems, 22 years of heart issues and 7 1/2 years of chemotherapy. God has truly blessed them with 65 plus years of marriage bliss.

Survivors are his wife Gay of Buffalo Gap, son Marvin (Bub) of Sweetwater, brother Melvin and wife Judy of Sweetwater, sister Rhea Hendrix of Sweetwater, sister-in-law Anna Dunigan of Onalaska, TX, plus several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Survivors are his wife Gay of Buffalo Gap, son Marvin (Bub) of Sweetwater, brother Melvin and wife Judy of Sweetwater, sister Rhea Hendrix of Sweetwater, sister-in-law Anna Dunigan of Onalaska, TX, plus several nieces, nephews and other relatives. Predeceased by parents Charlie and Duna, brothers Charlie Jr., EM (Bud), Weldon and daughter Debora Gay Guelker. Online Condolences may be made at the following link. www.northsfuneralhome.com.
Published in Abilene Reporter-News on Aug. 29, 2019

The Accident

<https://sanangelolive.com/news/crashes/2019-08-28/89-year-old-dies-after-high-speed-crash>

ABILENE, TX -- An 89-year-old man was killed yesterday after hitting another car from behind. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, on August 27 at 3:39 p.m., the Texas Department of Public Safety responded to a major motor vehicle accident on FM 89, one mile south of Abilene.

When they arrived they found Marvin Guelker, 89, of Buffalo Gap who had suffered major injuries. He was transported to the Abilene Regional Medical Center where he later died. His body was taken to North's Funeral Home. The other driver, Sabrina Kirk, 52, was taken to the ARMC and was later released.

After further investigation, the trooper determined that Kirk was stopped in the southbound lane of FM 89 attempting to make a left turn onto CR 338. Guelker's vehicle was also traveling South and struck Kirk's car from behind. No arrests have been made at this time.

Marvin and Gay served as GMC Classics Rally Hosts at the **2005- Fall Rally** on January 20 to 23 at Red Willows RV Park in Chico, TX.



Marvin & Gay dance at a 2006 GMC Classics Rally



Marvin & Gay Guelker at the Abilene Rally 2019

In Remembrance of

Walter Willard Murdock



Walter Willard Murdock, Jr. of Cedar Hill, Texas passed away September 2, 2019.

He was born August 31, 1937 in Dallas, TX, the son of Walter Willard Murdock, Sr. & Katherine Inez Cason Murdock.

Willard served the community of Cedar Hill as a firefighter/paramedic for 34 years. He joined the Cedar Hill Fire Department in 1967 as a volunteer, and then became a paid firefighter/paramedic in 1990.

Willard also taught at the Texas A&M Municipal Fire School for 10 years. He retired in 2001.

Willard is survived by his Cedar Hill Fire Department Family, wife Joyce of nearly 63 years, 1 son, & a host of loving family and friends.

Graveside Service is 1:00 PM Friday Sept. 6, 2019 at Rawlins Cemetery in Lancaster.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Thursday at Jaynes Memorial Chapel in Duncanville.

Published in Dallas Morning News on Sept. 5, 2019
<https://obits.dallasnews.com/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/obituary.aspx?pid=193819750>

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Murdock-88>

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Willard Murdock was our GMC Classics President in 2010.

Willard and Joyce Murdock were GMC Classics Hosts during the following Rallies:

1. **2002- Spring Rally** on April 4 to 7 at Staway Ranch RV Park - Murchison, TX
2. **2005- Summer Rally** on July 21 - 24 - Red River Ranch RV Park - Thackerville, OK.
3. **2008- Fall Rally** on October 16 - 19 - Mitchell Resort & RV Park Perrin, TX.
4. **2010- Summer Rally** on July 22 – 24 - Mineola Civic Center RV Park, Mineola, TX
5. **2011- Summer Rally** May 19 – 22 - Hill Country RV Resort, New Braunfels, TX.
6. **2011- Fall Rally** October 27 – 30 -Antique Capital RV Park, Gladewater, Texas
7. **2012- Fall Rally** on October 25 – 28 – Whispering Pines RV Resort, Tyler, TX
8. **2015- Winter Rally** on January 22 - 25- Oak Creek RV Park, Weatherford, TX.



Chatter Members

PLEASE take time to share with me any Rally stories or photos from your personal experiences, 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 things to do, camping spots, shopping, etc. Give these to me at a rally or email it to:

drwolfaustin@gmail.com **In the subject line, please put: "Chatter Content"**



Charlotte Wolf Austin, Ph.D., Chatter Editor

To Report "Chatter Newsletter Errors:

Every effort has been made to provide correct information in this Newsletter! Unfortunately, I was not able to attend this rally, and there may be errors. If you find mistakes, I apologize and ask your forgiveness!

Please take time to send your corrections to drwolfaustin@gmail.com with **"Chatter Error"** written in the **Subject Line** of your email.

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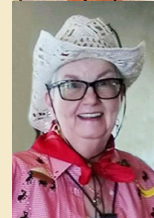
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Hi, I'm Stanley Chickenfoot, and I'm the Official GMC Classics Chicken! See you at the next Rally!