



# Classics

Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas



## Spring Rally

**HOSTS:**  
John Mottershall and  
Monique Dermaux

March 25-27, 2021  
Willow Lake RV Resort  
League City, Texas  
281-724-2020

Contact Becky (M-F) to  
reserve your spot. Be  
sure to tell her you are  
with GMC Classics Club.  
\$49.00 per night group  
rate.

Cabins are limited in  
number. Call ASAP to  
reserve.

6 miles from Kemah  
Boardwalk

**To be determined:**  
Summer Rally  
Winter Rally



## President's Message

John Strauss

Well, this is my first letter to the Chatter Newsletter since taking over as president of our Club from **Burt Doucette**. Since our most recent rallies have not been well attended due to the Corona virus and the cautions to be taken as each of us see fit, I will try to catch you up on the latest club news.

Our most recent rally was held in Santo, Texas, at the Coffee Creek RV Resort, on January 21-24, 2021. Things looked good leading up to the rally as we had 17 families and 14 coaches signed up (meaning 2 families in cabins and 1 in a trailer). When I arrived on Thursday, there had been a few defections, but we still had 13 families and 11 coaches coming. By the end of the day, owing to the aforementioned Corona virus concerns, poor weather, and uncooperative coaches, we were down to 9 stalwart families/members and 6 coaches. Nothing to be done at that point but to push on with the rally! A bright spot in this small rally was the welcoming of several new members: **Patty Eggers, Tony Barsotti, and Will & Jennifer Priest** and their daughter all attended. Big thanks to **Jim Jackson** for toting our supplies as Wagonmaster **John Mottershaw** was unable to attend.

Our next rally will be held March 25-28, 2021 at the Willow Lake RV Resort in League City, Texas. League City is in the Clear Lake area of Houston, down where NASA is. **John Mottershaw** and **Monique Dermaux** will be hosting.

With regards to the club's business, we held an Executive Committee meeting via Zoom on the Wednesday before the Winter Rally since I was the only officer, either past or present, who would be attending the rally. For this reason, we opted to waive the typical installation of officers ceremony, and just install them by acclimation during the Zoom meeting. The new officers are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Its purpose is to promote the preservation of the GMC Motorhome and to bring its owners together for their exclusive enjoyment and common interests.

Looking back through past president's letters to see what I needed to discuss, I can see that the declining attendance at rallies has been a concern for a while, and continues to be so. Once our 2021 Member Roster is complete at the end of March, **Chuck Peck** plans to reach out to our membership to gauge interest in attending rallies going forward and what sort of things the membership would like to see at rallies that would encourage more to come. The Executive Committee will be working this issue throughout the year as info comes in.

We did discuss the need to incentivize hosting of rallies, as it seems it is also getting harder and harder to get folks to step up for this job. It's a lot of work to host a rally, so we want to lighten the load on the hosts where we can. **For this reason, the committee agreed to pay for the RV space rental for the lead host for the remaining rallies in 2021, starting with the Spring rally in March.** The committee will then regroup at the end of the year to discuss whether or not this brought about the desired results.

In order to cut down on the drudgery of requesting and tracking payment of dues annually, and the pain of sending in the dues every year, **Clark Southmayd** suggested creating a "**lifetime membership**" to where a member could pay a sum one time and be done with dues. This was well received by the committee. We also thought to add a 5-year membership for those who do not want to spend the big bucks to go lifetime, or are just not sure how long this "GMC bug" will bite them. The committee will work on what is required to set this up and what amounts will be charged as we go forward so we can have this in place by the time dues are required for 2022.

**This was not part of the committee meeting, but we did revise our bylaws for 2021 to eliminate the FMCA membership requirement and to affirm the changes made with regards to the Family Associate Members.** These items were agreed to last year, we just needed to get the documentation updated to reflect that. Many thanks to **Billy Massey** for getting that all lined up online.

That's the highlights for this letter. Feel free to reach out to me or any of the officers with your questions, concerns, or suggestions. I sure hope to see all of you at League City in March!

John Strauss

### *Santos Rally Review*

by John Strauss

#### *6 Coaches were in attendance:*

**Jim Jackson**  
**Boyd & Sherry Mooney**  
**Jerry & Francis Reeves**  
**Marchelle & Connie Lee**  
**Tony Barsotti (new member)**  
**John Strauss**

#### *Cabin Rentals:*

**Gay Guelker**  
**Will & Jenifer Priest (new members)**

I did not take any pictures myself, not sure about others. There may be a few but not many. We had pizza on Thursday night from Al's Italian Kitchen, BBQ on Friday from Natty Flats BBQ, and Italian pasta dishes on Saturday from Al's Italian Kitchen.

The weather was not helping us as it was gray and cold all weekend with occasional rain.

Bunko did not come off as of **Lisa Rowell** was to host but she and **Don** were exposed to a person who tested positive for CV-19 the day before the rally so they had to quarantine. We did play Bingo Saturday night.

Next rally is in Clear Lake City area (SE Houston, where NASA is) at the end of March (25-28). **John Mottershaw** and **Monique Dermaux** will be hosts.

A real nice time had by just a few, I guess!





We didn't realize  
we were making  
memories, we just  
knew we were  
having fun





Let the  
MEMORIES  
Begin!



LITTLE  
moments  
MAKE  
BIG  
Memories









*Thanks for  
the Memories*



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