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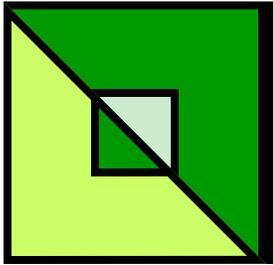


Dear GMCers,

November 14, 2010

After the "perfect" rally in Burleson, we had the "perfect" mini-rally / CTLB anniversary celebration (in my opinion.) The weather, fellowship, food, facilities, service, quality time with friends - everything was over-the-top perfect. (Finally got that 1 1/2 hr. massage Fri.) Before going on, we have reserved our section yet again at the Blazing Star RV Resort for the 2nd weekend in Nov., 2011 - so mark those calendars if you're interested. It's a 5-star place that knows how to take extra special care of their guests in style. **Norma** is the "best!"

Tommy & Ann Walker enjoyed the rv park a couple of days before the rest of us got there. What fun they have in their Avion. Larry & Linda Turner gave their "Texas" GMC a rest & brought their 36' Airstream. What a gorgeous coach inside & out. Max & "BeeBee" got along well (but that's a Larry story.) Bob & Sandra Price arrived in their beautiful GMC, & we had a picnic under the trees. Sweetie & Cutie were glad to be there again. Jim Rountree came out for a visit that afternoon, then he & Nancy came back later for our delicious pot-luck supper. We had enough great food to feed an army. Once again, Norma had nice gift packs for everyone. They made coffee & tea for us, cups with cream, sugar, & ice provided, decorated the tables, & didn't charge us a penny (again.)



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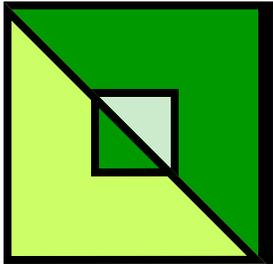
Phil & Doris Taylor were all loaded & ready to come, but Phil wasn't feeling very well, so they had to cancel their reservations. Phil, we hope you're feeling lots better now. We missed y'all. Chuck was busy enjoying (?) working on their GMC, so he & Lexie had to cancel also. Like they tell women during labor pains, " 'Breathe', Chuck. It'll be okay." grin. Hope y'all can make it next time. We missed you both.

John Sharpe had "challenges" on the road with his Spectrum, & had to be towed to a truck stop in Luling for the night. Bless his heart. He got it fixed, though, & was able to join us Saturday for the rest of the weekend. We teased him about not bringing his GMC with that gorgeous new paint job. He's a trooper & didn't show any signs of stress at all. Way ta' go, John.

Watch for Saturday's 3rd Anniversary Luncheon in Part 2, as the journey continues....

The story continues. After a relaxing morning, The Walkers, Prices, Turners & Youngs loaded up in 2 **big** vehicles & headed to the Golden Corral for our 3rd CTLB Anniversary Celebration. People thought we were moving in, as we carted in all of the decorations & that **heavy** Italian Cream cake. Hope the photos of the weekend turn out so we can share our experience with you. I want to thank Tommy, Larry, Bob, & Lanny for hauling in all the heavy stuff. Also a big "thank you" to Ann, Sandra & Linda for helping me decorate the table & get the cards started. It's a good thing we left early, as we were just finishing the last details when the rest of our party-goers entered the room.

We usually gather in the lobby & pay in a row, so it threw off the cashier when we changed our routine. It all worked out though, so everyone was happy. Leading the pack was Earlene Baker, all decked out & gorgeous as usual. Stephen Wilhite was able to join us this time. Welcome back, Stephen; we miss you when you're not there. Our sweet "anniversary couple," Ken & Emmy Rose walked through the doors holding hands (as always.) I think that's so sweet; we couples should do that more often. Thanks for setting a good example, Ken & Emmy, & "Happy One Year Anniversary!" Norman & Margaret Treude made it to the party, but Scott needed to be at a game. It's like waiting for the other shoe to drop. We looked around & asked, "Where's Scott?" All are special to us, & when you're not there, we miss you. Richard & Jackie Isenhour came to enjoy the festivities, looking all spiffy (as usual.) What a fun couple. Lee & Riva Fikes arrived with exciting news. They're the proud grandparents of Miss Riley (but I forgot her middle name; sorry.) Want to see pictures or a video of Riley? Ask Lee, & he will be glad to flip his phone & turn up the volume for you. Congrats, y'all. Don't spoil her all at once. Fred Does & Joel Nachtigal drove over from Bulverde to have lunch with us, then spent some time with the guys & their coaches back at the rv park.



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There were 20 of us enjoying a delicious lunch, & Lizette did a good job taking care of us. She was pleased we gave her some of the yummy cake. They're all happy we're on the books for next year as well.

We lingered outside for a good while, then headed back to the park. Fred & Joel enjoyed their tours of the coaches, & were there in time to see John Sharpe arrive in his Spectrum. Bob, Sandra & Lanny greeted John at the gate. We all cheered to see him. Sandra fixed John some lunch at 3 to "tide him over" until we all left at 5:30 to have Mexican food at the Alamo Cafe. Dessert? We've still got cake in the motorhome!

This is the third & final segment of our weekend. We had our first "pot-luck breakfast" this morning, which I think turned out really great (& something I'd like to do again next year.) Ken & Emmy Rose were able to have breakfast with us before heading to church, & also Jim Rountree. We had a feast that was wonderful, & such a great variety. Well done, chefs! Between breakfast tacos, bacon, waffles with bananas, butter & cinnamon, wonderful Italian sweet bread with a name I can't spell (sorry, Linda), homemade sticky buns, breakfast casserole, orange juice, regular & Creme Brulle coffee, 4 different kinds of creamers... it was a wonderful way to start the day & end our 3 day party.

We fixed breakfast, juice & flavored coffee for Norma, which she greatly appreciated. Everyone signed a Thank You card for her, plus we gave her the part of the cake that had "GMC" on it so she wouldn't forget us.

While the guys were getting the coaches ready to roll, we gals cleaned up the room & turned off the lights. Lots of hugs & farewells were given, as each one left for the next adventure.

Well, that's about it. Hope you've enjoyed the journey with us, & that you weren't too bored. Everyone stay healthy, travel safely, & we'll see you in January in Spring, Tx. Hugs from the Hill Country!



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